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SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS  
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

The William Chapline House

AND/OR COMMON

The William Chapline House

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

109 West Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Sharpsburg

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Third

STATE

Maryland

VICINITY OF

CODE  
24

COUNTY

Washington

CODE

043

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

DISTRICT

☒ BUILDING(S)

STRUCTURE

SITE

OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

PUBLIC

☒ PRIVATE

BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

IN PROCESS

BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED

UNOCCUPIED

WORK IN PROGRESS

## ACCESSIBLE

YES: RESTRICTED

YES: UNRESTRICTED

☒ NO

## PRESENT USE

AGRICULTURE

COMMERCIAL

EDUCATIONAL

ENTERTAINMENT

GOVERNMENT

INDUSTRIAL

MILITARY

MUSEUM

PARK

☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE

RELIGIOUS

SCIENTIFIC

TRANSPORTATION

OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Mr. and Mrs. John A. McCollom

STREET &amp; NUMBER

215 E. 1st Street, Medicine Lodge

CITY, TOWN

~~109 West Main Street~~

Kansas,

~~Sharpsburg~~

VICINITY OF

STATE

Missouri 67104

Maryland 21782

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Washington County Court House

STREET &amp; NUMBER

West Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Hagerstown

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

CITY, TOWN

STATE

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		DATE _____

## DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The William Chapline House is located at 109 West Main Street in Sharpsburg, Washington County, Maryland. Situated on the north side of the street, forming the northwest corner of the town square it faces south.

The structure is a two story, five bay stone dwelling. A two story five bay shed roof addition of brick extends to the rear or north. The front elevation of the main section employs finely coursed local lime-stone while other elevations display less carefully cut rubble stone-work. All windows are topped with flat stone arches. Several stones in the east gable were dislodged during the Civil War Battle of Antietam when a cannister shot struck the building. Alterations in the masonry of the front and east elevations suggest possible changes to the house. It appears that the south end window of the east elevation was converted from a door and that the door in the east end of the front elevation was originally a window.

The openings appear to have been spaced evenly in the front elevation. All major windows have six over six pane sashes held within narrow, rounded frames which probably date from the mid-nineteenth century. Original wide window frames joined with wooden pins remain at the attic level.

The main entrance, located in the center bay of the front elevation is elaborate. It consists of double four paneled doors over which is a broad transom with numerous rectilinear panes. The doors are flanked with plain Doric pilasters supporting an entablature. Like the windows, the entrance piece would appear to date from the mid-nineteenth century. The wrought iron entrance porch is present in a late nineteenth century photograph of the house. The secondary entrance in the east end bay of the front elevation is said to have been installed by Doctor A. A. Biggs during the mid-nineteenth century to provide access to his office. The stone doorstep is incised with his name. Other entrances are located in the rear elevation and in the addition.

The roof is covered with sheet metal and terminates with a barge board set directly against the end walls. Large stone chimneys finished with corbels are located inside each gable end. The eaves treatment consists of a course of decorative cornice work trimmed with a row of carved dentils just above the upper story window arches.

The brick addition displays common bonding. Its windows have narrow frames with beaded edges holding six over six pane double hung sashes. The present owners of the property report that foundations from an earlier structure were found beneath this section.

The interior of the main section is bisected by a stair and entrance hall. The stair, which is open to the attic, has a square newel with turned balusters. Decorative scroll work on the ends of the risers includes an unusual "pinwheel" form. East of the hall is a large room which appears to have served as a doctor's office under Hartman's and Biggs' ownership. It retains its original fireplace mantel and door trim. The opening in the partition between the two rooms was expanded to an archway circa 1950. West of the hall are two rooms of equal dimensions. The area is said to have been divided when

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the woodwork in the rooms was replaced during the mid-nineteenth century.

The brick addition is divided into two rooms, each with a fireplace. Several doors in this section, which may have been moved from the main structure, have six raised panels and show evidence of having had long strap hinges.

At the rear of the property is a small brick stable, its end walls pierced with geometric brickwork ventilators.

The house is in good to excellent condition.

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PRE-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

circa 1790

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The William Chapline House is significant for its architecture, for the role it played in the growth and development of Sharpsburg, and for its association with two of the area's physicians, particularly Doctor Augustin A. Biggs, who occupied the house during the turmoil of the Battle of Antietam in September of 1862.

The history of the house and its occupants is ably related in the attached research by Jeffery A. Wyand, executed in 1974.

Architecturally, the house is important as a well documented example of Washington County's late eighteenth century domestic construction, retaining a significant portion of its original woodwork. Although the five bay, center hall plan is typical of many of Washington County's stone structures dating from the late eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries, the William Chapline House displays a degree of fineness of execution not apparent in many other houses.

Most of the alterations this house has received appear to have occurred during the mid-nineteenth century and are significant as expressions of that period as well as being linked with the role the house played during the Civil War.

The brick addition at the rear of the house would appear to date from the second quarter of the nineteenth century.

Three possessions of the Biggs' family have been acquired by the present owners and have been returned to the house: a nineteenth century sofa; a shaving mug which belonged to Charles Biggs, the doctor's oldest son, a one-time member of the Maryland House of Delegates who was born in the house in 1850; and a late nineteenth century family photograph posed in front of the house. A plan of the Antietam National Cemetery indicating its design by Doctor Biggs is also in the house.







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— Wyand, Jeffery A. The William Chapline House, Sharpsburg, Maryland.  
September 1974.

## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 51.5 feet by 206 feet

## UTM REFERENCES

A     
ZONE EASTING NORTHING  
C   

B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
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**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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**11** FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Paula Stoner Dickey

## ORGANIZATION

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

August 1975

STREET &amp; NUMBER

TELEPHONE

335 South Ridge Avenue

CITY OR TOWN

# Greencastle

STATE  
Pennsylvania

**12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION**

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL\_\_\_\_\_

STATE \_\_\_\_\_

LOCAL \_\_\_\_

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

**TITLE**

State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

Sept.

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

**ATTEST:**

DATE

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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William Chapin  
House

27°30'

MARTINSBURG 12 MI.  
SHEPHERDSTOWN 3.8 MI.

5462 IV NE  
SHEPHERDSTOWN

*Keedysville quadrangle*

ANTIETAM NATIONAL  
CEMETERY

Sharpsburg  
(BM 413)

Hawkins  
Monument

Burnside  
Bridge

GAGING  
STATION

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490

CREEK

Porterstown  
Bridge

Porterstown

WA-II-114

Flickersville

Tower

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Fairview  
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Hicks  
Bridge

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